

S. 1020

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. REED] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1020, a bill to amend the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 and the Art and Artifacts Indemnity Act to improve and extend the acts, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 30

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the names of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM] and the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Republic of China should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions, including the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

AMENDMENT NO. 943

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Arizona [Mr. KYL], the Senator from Arizona [Mr. MCCAIN], the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN], the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER], and the Senator from Texas [Mr. GRAMM] were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 943 proposed to S. 1023, an original bill making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that an Executive Session of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The following are on the agenda to be considered: S. 1020, Arts and Humanities Amendments of 1997; the National Science Foundation Authorization of 1997; the Workforce Investment Partnership Act; and Presidential nominations. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Thursday, July 24, 1997, 10:00 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Higher Education Act Reauthorization; Title IV. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources Sub-

committee on Public Health and Safety will be held on Thursday, July 24, 1997, 2:00 p.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is National Institutes of Health Reauthorization. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services to meet on Monday, July 21, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing on "The Compliance Review Process and Missile Defense."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BARON GEORG VON TRAPP

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an American and Austrian hero, Baron Georg von Trapp, on the 50th anniversary of his death. During his lifetime, Baron von Trapp stood for honor and courage. He held a deep devotion for both his country and his family. Baron von Trapp was remembered on the week-end of July 11, in a celebration at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT. I regret that I was unable to attend, however I would like to take this opportunity to remember the significance of his life, made famous by the 1965 movie, "The Sound of Music."

It is a reflection of Baron von Trapp's spirit that he is not only an American legend, but he is also considered a hero in Austria, the homeland that he fled 60 years ago. It is a tribute to his excellence that the 89 members of the 1997 graduating class of the Theresianum Military Academy, the Austrian equivalent to West Point, voted Baron von Trapp their class hero, someone whom they all wished to emulate.

Baron von Trapp was a celebrated military commander. He was honored with two medals for courage in battle, including the Maria Theresian Ritter Medal, Austria's highest, for sinking a French submarine in 1915. He was also influential in the development of submarine warfare and torpedoes. However, his love and devotion for his country never underscored the importance of his family. He made an intense connection with his children through music. Out of this connection came the famous Trapp Family Singers. When the Nazis invaded and were pressuring Baron von Trapp to join Hitler's ranks, he asked his family if they wanted to leave for America, saying that if anyone wanted to stay, they would all stay. Everyone wanted to leave.

Although nothing could replace the love he had for his homeland, Baron von Trapp did grow to love his new home in Vermont. He found new passions in maple sugaring and farming. Because they spent most of the year touring, they rented out rooms in their lodge to skiers, starting what would eventually become a landmark in Vermont, the Trapp Family Lodge.

Once again, I would like to express my admiration for Baron von Trapp and his entire family on the anniversary of his death.●

USDA REORGANIZATION

• Mr. KERREY. Mr. President, I rise today to talk briefly about the recent consolidation of administrative functions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, recently announced by Secretary Dan Glickman.

In my contact with Secretary Glickman he has said that the changes are being aimed at the national headquarters and State offices, but that there will be no additional field office closings or cut in services as a result of this directive.

Secretary Glickman has also informed me that an outside study is being commissioned to assess the workload of parts of the agency, in light of current and anticipated program activity, and will report on recommendations on the county delivery systems.

The recent administrative convergence by the Secretary is an effort to make the USDA a more efficient and cost-effective agency. No doubt, to streamline the agency and improve efficiency, there is a need to eliminate any duplication of administrative services. However, there is also a need to maintain a vital local field staff with the necessary resources available to them so that they can deliver services to our producers.

As the USDA continues to make adjustments to its operations, I will continue to work with the Secretary and solicit feedback from our local Nebraska offices.

The Freedom to Farm Act of 1996, for better or worse, has brought us into a new era of our farm program. To some extent producers, Members of Congress, and USDA staff are entering uncharted waters. I will be diligent in my efforts in making sure the USDA, and Congress, is up to the navigational task.●

TRIBUTE TO ROLAND AND CLAIRE JUTRAS, NATIONAL 1997 PARENTS OF THE YEAR

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Roland and Claire Jutras of Peterborough, NH, the National 1997 Parents of the Year. The National Parents' Day Foundation bestowed the honor on the Jutras after searching the Nation for the parents of the year.

Roland Jutras came to town in 1972 to run the town of Peterborough's